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**COLUMBIA, SC** – As part of the state's recovery efforts, South Carolina Department of Insurance Director Ray Farmer has issued <u>Bulletin Number 2019-08</u>. This bulletin is to advise all insurers, HMOs and other licensed or authorized entities and individuals, that the Director expects the insurance industry to work with the South Carolina consumers and businesses who were directly impacted by Hurricane Dorian and to provide relief from certain insurance requirements.

The SCDOI Issues a Bulletin to Help Ease the Impact of Hurricane Dorian

This relief may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Extension on premium payment deadlines
- Additional time before nonrenewals or cancellations become effective
- Extensions on proof of loss deadlines
- Waivers of limitations relating to the use of out-of-network providers
- One early refill or replacement refill for prescription drugs
- Waiver of fees, penalties or other charges relating to an insured's temporary inability to submit premium payments or otherwise respond as a result of this disaster event

The Director also issued a <u>Data Call Notice</u>, which requires all authorized property and casualty insurance companies to report claims made due to Hurricane Dorian. The first report is due on Sept. 23, 2019.